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**Penmor Lithographers**  
**Lewiston, Maine**  
**2007**

shall submit a report summarizing the results of its activities under section 1 to the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy.

See title page for effective date.

## CHAPTER 107

### H.P. 605 - L.D. 789

#### **Resolve, Directing the Bureau of Revenue Services To Convene a Study Group on the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax**

**Sec. 1. Study group. Resolved:** That the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services shall convene a study group to review the motor vehicle excise tax. When choosing members of the study group the bureau must invite participation from the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, representatives of municipal government and groups representing motor vehicle dealers; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Study and recommendations. Resolved:** That the study group under section 1 shall review the structure and administration of the motor vehicle excise tax, including its relationship to the personal property tax, and research taxes on motor vehicles imposed in other states. The study group shall report its findings and any recommendations for improvement to the State's taxation of motor vehicles to the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation by January 15, 2008. The committee may submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature related to the report.

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## CHAPTER 108

### H.P. 793 - L.D. 1075

#### **Resolve, To Assist Maine Local Land Trusts**

**Sec. 1. State agencies directed to assist local land trusts in identifying funding sources. Resolved:** That the Executive Department, State Planning Office shall, in consultation with the Department of Conservation and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, identify potential funding sources for acquisition projects initiated by municipalities and local land trusts. The State Planning Office shall compile information on state and federal programs that award grants, provide matching funds or otherwise financially assist with efforts to conserve land for public recreation. Funding sources for both fee purchases and acquisitions of interest in land must

be included. The State Planning Office shall make the information collected available to municipalities and local land trusts.

For the purposes of this resolve, "local land trust" means a nonprofit organization under 26 United States Code, Section 501(c)(3) that, as provided for in its mission statement, acquires land or interest in land within a defined region of the State to promote stewardship or conservation of land with natural features of value to the people of that region; and be it further

#### **Sec. 2. Report to Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. Resolved:**

That the Executive Department, State Planning Office shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry no later than January 31, 2008 on its findings pursuant to section 1 and the means used to disseminate this information to municipalities and local land trusts; and be it further

**Sec. 3. Authority to submit legislation. Resolved:** That the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature pertaining to the ability of municipalities and local land trusts to conserve land for public recreation.

See title page for effective date.

## CHAPTER 109

### S.P. 551 - L.D. 1528

#### **Resolve, To Require State Agencies with Jurisdiction over Dams To Review and Update Plans for the Passage of Native Diadromous Fish**

**Sec. 1. Diadromous fish passage over dams on the Kennebec River and Sebasticook River. Resolved:** That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the Department of Marine Resources and the Department of Environmental Protection, referred to in this resolve as "the departments," shall conduct a detailed review of their efforts to provide eel and other native diadromous fish species both upstream and downstream passage over dams on the Kennebec River and the Sebasticook River. The review must include but not be limited to current, past and planned activities, an evaluation of the effectiveness of those activities with regard to all diadromous fish, measures needed to ensure diadromous fish passage on those rivers and the feasibility of options to provide that passage; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Reports on impediments to carrying out current plans to provide diadromous**